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For: **USE OF BIOTIN OR A BIOTIN DERIVATIVE** )  
**FOR SKIN LIGHTENING PURPOSES AND FOR** )  
**THE TREATMENT OF SENILE LENTIGINES** )

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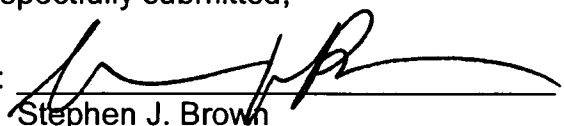
A copy of the International Search Report is enclosed herewith. The documents cited in the report are identified herein and clean copies of documents, other than U.S. patent documents, are provided. See MPEP § 609(III)(A)(2)(A) (8<sup>th</sup> Ed., Rev. 2, May 2004, p. 600-128); See also 1276 OG 55 (August 5, 2003) (Waiving the requirement under Rule 98(a)(2)(1) to provide a copy of each cited U.S. patent document for any application filed after June 30, 2003.).

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